

AN
Impartial ACCOUNT

Of all the

Material Transactions
of the

GRAND FLEET

AND

LAND FORCES

From their first setting out from Spithead, June the 29.
till his Grace the Duke of Ormond's Arrival at
Deal, November the 7th. 1702.

In which is included a particular Relation of the
Expedition at CADIZ, and the Glorious Victory at
Vigo.

By an Officer that was present in those Actions.

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Friday June the 19th, 1702. We weighed from *Spithead*, and came to an Anchor at *St. Helens*; His Grace, the Duke of *Ormond* being on Board Her Majesty's Ship the *Ranelagh*, Captain *Fitzpatrick* Commander.

Monday the 22d. Admiral *Fairborne* Sailed thence with 16 Men of War and 2 Fire-ships; together with a Squadron of the *Dutch*, in all 30 Sail, towards *Portugal*.

Tuesday the 23d, The Generals, Officers, Horses and the Dragoons were ship'd off at *Cows* in the Isle of *Wight*, and the Artillery Horses at *Portsmouth*; also the Prince *Hesse Darmstad* sailed hence in the *Adventure* for *Lisbon*.

Thursday the 25th. Admiral *Munden* came in with 8 of Her Majesty's Ships from Cruising before the *Groyne*.

Wednesday July 1. In the Morning our Admiral made a Signal to unmoor, and at 7 in the Evening, he hal'd home his Main-top-sail sheets, and fired a Gun for the Fleet to weigh. The Wind at N. E. a small Breeze.

We had nothing extraordinary till Sunday, July the 5th. When at 6 in the Afternoon, 5 Sail came out of *Plymouth* Sound and joyn'd our Fleet, (which then amounted to 160 Sail. They had on Board them Collonel *Seymour's* Regiment; also 5 Companies of Collonel *Villars's*, which are to join the *Fazileers*.

On the 7th, the Winds being against us, at 8 in the Morning, our Admiral made his Signal to bear away for *Torbay*; at 10 we run 5 Leagues N. E. by N. the Wind at W. N. W. and by 12 the Bolt bore N. E. at 2 Leagues and half distant, the Wind then at W. S. W.

Tuesday about 5 in the Evening, we came to an Anchor

chor in *Torbay*, with our best Bower in 9 Fathom depth, and rid single during our stay: Our Fleet got on board fresh Water, and repair'd what damage they sustain'd before they came in; also the Horse-Ships were better provided for security of the Horses.

On *Sunday, July* the 12th, *Collonel Brown* died; at 4 this Morning the Wind veering to the E. N. E. easie Gales; our Admiral made a Signal to weigh, which he with the whole Fleet did, in order to proceed on our Voyage, and we were under Sail by 5, the Wind then at N. E. by E.

On *Thursday* the 16th of *July*, at 5 in the Morning, a Fleet of Transports, with their Convoy from the Eastward, join'd us; they were 22 in Number, which made of us 182 Sail.

On the 17th we were forc'd back to *Torbay* when in the Morning a Court-Martial was held on board the *Ranelagh*, on the Account of one Lieutenant *Harris*, (of *Colonel Fox's* Regiment) for Mutiny, &c. of which he was found guilty, and received Sentence accordingly.

On the 18th, My Lord Duke sent a Warrant to the Keeper of *Dartmouth* Gaol, for the securing of Captain *Newey*, till Her Majesty's Pleasure was known, by one of Her Secretaries of State; he being committed the 16th by his Grace's Order, for scandalous Words against the Government and his Grace. Also his Grace went ashore, and reveiw'd the Officers with the rest belonging to the Train.

And about 4 in the Evening, Her Majesty's Ship the *Chatham*, Anchored here, with 18 Merchant Ships under her Convoy from the Westward, and sailed this Morning to the Eastward.

And this day Mr. *Methwin* her Majesty's Envoy, sail'd hence in the *Lastaff* for *Lisbon*.

On the 9th also, at half an Hour past 7, the *Pembroke* sail'd hence for *Jersey*.

And the 20th in the Morning, 2 Deserters belonging to.

to the Lord *Donegal's* Regiment, were taken some Miles from the shoar, and brought on Board us, from whence they were sent into Custody of the Provost Marshall.

Tuesday 21. Yesterday his Grace went a shoar and try'd a Mortar, out of which several Bombs were thrown by the Major of the Bombardeers.

Last Night the *Newfoundland* Fleet, being 18 Sail, came to an Anchor in the *Offing*; and this Morning they sail'd with their Convoy to the Westward; also at half an Hour past 9 last Night, we had a Signal to weigh, and by 10 were under Sail, and in the Morning being but little Wind, and the Tide of Flood being made, we Anchored in 18 Fathom Water, and the *Start* bearing S. W. by W. and *Berry-head* N. by E.

Thursday the 23d, about 2 in the Afternoon, the *Pembroke* returned to our Fleet again; but Her Majesty's Ships the *Norwich* and *Tork*, with 7 Sail more under their Convoy, for the *West Indies*, having left our Fleet; we now consist of but 173 Sail.

On *Sunday* the 26th, we took our Departure; and our Admiral made a Signal for the *West India* Fleet to keep their Course, they being the same Ships that left us the 23d Instant, but fell into our Company, e'er we took our departure; also this Morning our Cruisers saw two *French* Privateers, to whom they gave chase, but they taking to their Oars made their Escape.

From 6 till 8 in the Evening, we lay By for the Sternmost Ships to come up with us, (we coming up E. S. E.) and *June* the 27th in the Morning, the *Lime* Frigat, took a *Spanish* Merchant Man, Laden with Oyl, and Whalebone, from *Greenland*, she had on board 70 hands, and 16 Guns; at Noon we found our selves, in the Latitude of 46 degrees, 50 Minutes.

On the 28, the *Flamborough* Frigat, brought into our Fleet, a *French* Prize, laden with Sugar and Indigo from *Martinico*.

On the 29th, we were in the Latitude of 44 Degrees, 20 Minutes, and judged we were about 25 Leagues from *Cape Finister*.

On the 30th, At half an hour past 5 this Morning, we had the *Isle Sezarca*, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. and *Cape Corunna*, S. of us, and at 8, *Cape Finister* in *Galicia*.

July 31, This Morning, our Admiral made a Signal for all the Cruisers to come in, also several private Signals for other Ships. Also about 11, the *Barfleur* made a Signal, and fired a Gun, being in distress.

August the 2d, At Noon, *Cape Finister*, bore S. E. by E. and *Cape Corunna*, E. S. E. having lain by, from 9 this Morning, till 12 coming up, N. E. and off E. by N. and the Land we saw was very high; and this Morning, our Admiral hoisted the Standard, at the Mizzen Top-mast Head, and fired a Gun, which was a Signal for all the Flag-Officers in the Fleet, to come on board him.

On Monday, August the 3d, In the Morning the *Lime Frigate*, (whom our Admiral sent on *Fryday* morning to the *Groyn*, to observe if Admiral *Fairborne*, with his Squadron was there), Returned with Advice, that he was not, nor any of the *French Fleet*, on which our Admiral hoisted the Standard, and made a Signal, for all the Flagg, and Land General Officers, to come on board him, in Consultation; at which, the *Dutch*, were for our continuing in this Station, for Admiral *Fairborne* to join us here, but in conclusion, they agreed to the Opinion of the *English*, which was to bear away toward *Lisbon*, in order to meet him, &c. On which our Admiral, about Noon, fired a Gun, and made his Signal accordingly.

Also the 6 Pilots, which were taken on board the Fleet, at *Falmouth*, were sent for on board the Flagg,
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and on shoar, we observed a great Smoak on the Mountains, wich we judged to be the *Spaniards* Signal, to Allarum the Country, at the approach of our Fleet on their Coast.

Tuesday the 4th, Yesterday at One we bore away, and about 2 the *Plymouth* came into our Fleet, and informed us, that he supposed Admiral *Fairborne*, (with his Squadron) to be S. W. about 9 Leagues from us. He also told us, that Captain *Norris*, in her Majesty's Ship the *Orford*, had taken 3 *French* Prizes and the *Dutch* 2.

On the 7th. In the Morning, our Admiral made his Signal, for all the Cruizers to come in, and he sent the *Lime* Frigat, and his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, the *Isabella* Yatch, to *Lisbon*, in order to bring us Advice from thence, &c.

August the 8th, At 6 this Morning, the *Orford* came into our Fleet, from Admiral *Fairborne*; and about Noon, Admiral *Fairborne* with his Squadron joined us, and soon after we made the Rock of *Lisbon*, it being very high Land, at which time our Admiral made his Signal, and sent away the *Kent*, and *Pembroke* Frigats, towards *Lisbon*, our Fleet now consisting of 203 Sail.

August the 9th, The *Kent*, and *Pembroke*, Returned from *Cascais*.

Monday the 10th, Last Night we saw Land, and at the same time observed, that the *Portugueses* had set Beacons on fire, (to Allarum their Country), at the Approach of our Fleet, on their Coast; also, our Cruisers gave Chase, to 2 *French* Privateers, several Guns being discharged, but Night coming on, they made their Escape.

This Day the *Adventure*, *Lastaff*, and *Lime*, joined us again, on board the first of which was the Prince of *Hesse Darmstadt*, in the *Lastaff* Mr. *Methwin's* Son. The *Lime* informed us, that she had left the *Isabella*.

abella Yatch, who was gone up the River to *Lisbon*, from thence we expect Advice by her.

This day the *Triumph's*-boat coming on board us, informed that their Ship had took up a Pipe of *French* Brandy, floating in the Sea, (it being barnacled) and that several of their Squadron had done the same.

Tuesday the 11th, This Morning, our Admiral put abroad the Standard &c. as a Signal, for all the Flagg, and Land General Officers, to come on board him, to a

Wednesday the 12th, Last Night, a Detachment of Granadiers, were put on board 2 or 3 of our Frigats, to be set on shoar, near *Rota*, on a Discovery, &c. and we have on board several Printed Declarations, in *Spanish*, signed by my Lord Duke, in behalf of the Emperour, which are to be dispersed about the Countries.

This Morning, our Cruisers, brought into the Fleet, 3 Tartans, wich they had taken; also our Yacht Returned from *Lisbon*, with Advice, that there were in that Harbour, 6 *French* Men of War, and 4 Gallies, who asked the Governor leave, to sink her Majesty's Ships *Adventure*, and *Lastaff*; but were Answered, that as we were not their Enemies, they were obliged to Protect us, being under their Cannon. At the approach of our Fleet, they fired 2 Guns from each Fort, to give Notice to the Court; also this Morning, our Admiral made his Signal, to draw up in a Line of Battel.

After this, we steered away for *Cadiz*, by Noon this day we had *Cadiz* E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. about 6 Leagues distant.

Thursday the 13th, Yesterday about 5 Afternoon, our Fleet Anchored in the Bay of *Bulls*, in 21 Fathom Water, about 2 Leagues from *Cadiz*, *Rota* bearing N. by E. and *Cadiz* E. N. E. At the same time we saw the *Granadoos*, Wind from the W. N. W. to the N. E. with pleasant Weather.

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here was in the Bay, at an Anchor, a *Genoese* Ship, whose Commander came on Board us ; also my Lord Duke examined the Masters of the *Tartans*. At three this Morning we sent to *Reconatre*, observing their Fortifications, and depths along their Coast ; and the Detachment of *Granadiers* return'd again without any discovery ; for there being little Wind, the Ships could not get near the Shore : The Garison fired several Guns at the Yatch, &c. whom we sent to *Reconatre*.

Last Night three of the *Triumph's* Boat's-Crew were kill'd, and three wounded, by a *Spanish* Boat, whom they attempted to Board. This Morning our Admiral call'd a General Council of War. The same Day His Grace's Pardon was sent for Lieutenant *Harris*, who lay under Sentence of Death. Also that the two Deserters, of the Earl of *Donegal's* Regiment, should be no farther Prosecuted. And about three to Day a Boat was sent to the Garison, from the Admiral, with a Flag of Truce, and some Declarations, &c.

Friday the 14th, These last 24 Hours we have had moderate Gales, at W. N. W. at five last Night our Fleet weigh'd and came to an Anchor in ten Fathom Water ; *Rota* bearing N. by E. and *St. Sebastian* S.E. ; S. about three Miles off Shore. Yesterday our Admiral made a Signal for a General Council of War. And this Morning a Signal for the Flag Officers only.

Saturday 15. The Forces began to Land.

INSTRUCTIONS

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DESCENT.

That the several Companies of Granadiers do Rendezvous in the Boats that shall be appointed for them at break of Day, to Morrow the 15th of *August*, at the head of the *Ranelagh*, where they shall receive farther Orders from Brigadier *Palandt*, and the Lord *Donegal*, who are appointed to command them.

That the Granadiers are to be sustained by the Guards, *Bellasis*, *Seymour*, *Churchil*, and *Forcy's* Regiments, who are commanded by Sir *Henry Bellasis*, Lord *Portmore*, Baron *Spar*, and Brigadier *Matthews*.

That the Masters of the Transports give two full Days Provision of Bread, Cheese, and Beer for each Man.

That a Chirurgeon, with Medicines, be taken with each Battalion.

That an Officer of the Artillery be at the Rear of each Regiment, with twenty *Chevaux de Frize*, where the Quarter Master of that Regiment must be ready to receive them, and the same for the Granadiers.

That no Drum beat, or Colours fly, but in the Boat of that General Officer that commands the Line; and when his Drum beats the Line must row, when it ceases, lie upon their Oars.

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That no Soldier fire upon pain of Death, while he is in the Boat, nor unshoulder his Musquet, when Landed, till commanded.

That no Soldier, when Landed, shall stir out of his Rank upon pain of Death.

That the first Line shall be at the head of the *Ranelagh*, at farthest, by break of Day.

And, That so soon as the second Line, consisting of the Regiments of *Columbine*, *Hara*, *Earl*, *Hamilton*, *Fox*, and two Battalions of *Swansbelt*, are in the Boats, to Parade immediately at the *Isabella* Yatch, which shall be at the head of all the Transports next the Shore, and there to receive the Orders of Sir *Charles Hara*, and Brigadier *Hamilton*.

That the third Line, consisting of the Regiments of the Lord *Donegal*, *Charlemont*, *Shannon*, and two Battalions of *St. Amand's*; and the Pioneers shall Parade at the same place, and there receive Orders of Brigadier *Lloyd*, in the absence of Brigadier *Seymour*.

At our Arrival before *Cadix*, when the Flag of Truce was sent, His Grace writ a Letter to the Governour, who return'd a Civil Answer, signifying, that he was much oblig'd to His Grace for his good Opinion of him, and his Services in *Flanders*, and hoped he should do nothing to forfeit the same, nor the King his Master's Pleasure, &c.

On *Saturday* the 15th of *August* the disposition for Landing being agreed on, 1200 Granadiers were order'd to Land first; so about four in the Morning all the Boats of the Fleet were employed to take them in and the rest of the Forces, which then Rendezvous'd together in the Boats near the Shore, and were placed in order by His Grace, who was then in his Barge on

the Right, with the *English* Flag ; and Baron *Sparr* in his on the Left, with the Emperor's : They led the Van, and Landed in the Bay of *Bulls*, between *Rota* and *St. Catharine's* Fort in *Andaloufia*, but with much difficulty, thro' the Winds blowing fresh, which caus'd so great a swell of the Sea, and Surfe on the Shore, that about thirty Boats were over-set and lost, and several Men drown'd, many of the Infantry being oblig'd to swim on Shore, and others to wade up to the Neck. &c. And no sooner were about eighty of our Granadiers (Commanded by Collonel *Pierce*) Landed, but they were briskly charged, with Sword in hand, by a General Officer, at the head of a Troop of *Spanish* Horse, who were so warmly entertain'd by our Men, that they soon retreated, leaving their General, with five Troopers, dead on the place, with several Horses, besides a Captain and a Cornet, which were wounded and taken Prisoners, with their Horses ; and on our side, we had only one Man wounded.

They had, near the Water-side, a Battery of four Guns, from which they fired with little success ; so at our approach they quitted their Post, dismounting the Guns, and nailing them up ; but from Fort *St. Catharines* they Cannonaded us all the time of our Landing, tho' kill'd no more than two of our Men, and wounded three others ; and during which time, two of our Frigats kept firing at the Fort.

In the Evening we march'd towards *Rota*, and lay all Night on our Arms, (*as did His Grace on the Ground*) about two Miles short of the Town, and the next Day we continued our March towards it, and were met (near the place) by the chief Officer, and some others who came to surrender it ; so 100 Granadiers were sent to take possession of the same, and His Grace took his

his Quarters in the Castle; and the Army encamp'd before the Town till *Thursday* the 20th, (at which time the Dragoons and Train-Horses, with four Field-Pieces, two battering Pieces, four Mortars, and Ammunition, &c. being landed) i'th' Evening we decamp'd and march'd towards Port *St. Mary's*, till about eleven in the Night a Party of *Spanish* Horse who lay in Ambuscade, at a Pass, fired briskly on our advanc'd Guard, but without doing us any damage, except killing Colonel *Gore's* Horse under him. So our Granadiers advancing they quitted their Post, and we lay on our Arms, at the Pass, till the Morning, and then march'd forward, where we discovered several Squadrons of Horse, computing them in all to be about 600 Men, who once drew up, and we expected would have engag'd us; but as we advanc'd, they still retreated, and at last march'd off into the Country, but we continued our March in very good order to *Port St. Mary's*, where we look'd for an Opposition, but found the major part of the Inhabitants had left the place; but about 200 Soldiers betook themselves to a strong House, and stood to their Arms till we drew up, designing to set fire to it, and burn them all, or give no Quarter; which they perceiving surrender'd, and became Prisoners at Discretion; and some others who endeavour'd to escape over the River in Boats, were shot in landing. Yet before we left *Rota*, His Grace sent a Letter to the Governor of this Place, whose Answer was rude, it being unseal'd, and no Name subscribed, but in these Words, "That We *Spaniards* neither change our Religion or King. Likewise His Grace's Declaration as to his coming, as also that of the Prince of *Hesse* had been sent to *Cadix*, and also distributed elsewhere.

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The 22^d we sent a Detachment, commanded by Col. *Pierce*, to St. *Catharine's* Fort, which refused to surrender, and fired at us, tho' only wounded one Man; on which they had word sent them, That if they would not quit the Place (on Terms) not only the Governor should be hang'd, but all his Men must expect no Quarter! To which he answer'd, "That if he must be hang'd, 'twas all one to him, whether by the D. of O. or the Governor of *Cadiz*, whom he was under, and so desired leave to send thither, to know his pleasure, which was refused him: so finding 'twas impossible to withstand our Force, he, with 40 more, surrender'd, and were made Prisoners of War.

At our first coming hirher that Night, only four Regiments encamp'd without the Town. The next Day they march'd into Quarters, kept strong Out-Guards, and Patrolling; but the Enemy increasing, and oft drawing up between us and *Xeres*, our Army march'd out of Town the 25th, and encamp'd at St. *Victoria*, where his Grace took his Quarters in a Cloyster, and the 26th he had his Declaration read by the Provost Martial, through the Town, and at the head of every Regiment, that no Man should plunder upon pain of Death. The Provost having with him a Detachment both of Foot and Dragoons, to see this Order put in execution; we having had private intelligence that they had in *Cadiz* a Garison of regular Forces, between 5 and 6000 Men of Horse and Foot; on the 28th 'twas agreed to send Baron *Sparr* with a Detachment of 2400 Men over the Water, on the Main, against the *Matagorda*; and the next Day his Grace went to view the said Forces, and how encamp'd, which was about half a Mile from the Fort.

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The 2^d of *Sept.* another Detachment of 800 Men was sent to Baron *Sparr*, and the same Day His Grace went to view the *Matagorda*, against which our Engineers having rais'd a Battery of 4 Pieces, began to fire on the Fort, from which also with the Gallies and Shipping, they kept continual firing, with above a hundred Cannon, on our Trenches, which were two Foot deep in Mud and Water; likewise the Ground was so low, and on a Morass, that our Battery sunk by our firing, on which the Engineers Sign'd, that they could do no good there; and during our stay there, we had but 32 Men kill'd, and 33 wounded.

The 5th a Party of *Spanish* Horse attack'd a small Party of our Dragoons, who so behaved themselves, that they put the Enemy to flight, having wounded and taken an Officer and two Men, with their Horses; and on our side we had a Cornet wounded, and a Lieutenant taken, *whom they afterwards cut to pieces*, also one of our private Men was kill'd.

The same Day our Artillery was shipp'd off thence to put on board the Fleet; so the 6th Baron *Sparr*, with his Detachment, return'd to *St. Victoria*, having first set fire to the Magazin at *Port-Royal*: There were between the *Puntal* and *Matagorda*, three Galleons sunk, to hinder our Passage into their Harbour, in which were several Galleons, with three *French* Men of War, and eight Gallies, and four *Spanish* Men of War: During our stay at *Port St. Mary's*, we were oft allarm'd by our Enemy, from whom we took many Prisoners, some of which we exchang'd for some they had taken from us, and the rest at length we discharged; but for Deserters we lost several, though we had but three come to us, two being *Irish*, and the other a *Neapolitan*: Their Army daily increased, and had 1000 regular:

gular Foot join'd them from *Centa*, and the *Alcayde* sent his Embassador to us, from *Tangier*, on matters of Importance; and at our departure from Port St. *Maries*, we set fire to a Ship which lay in the Harbour, and also to all the small Vessels there. At this place Mr. *Fackenboofe*, His Grace's Gentleman of the Horse died.

Saturday the 12th of *September* we struck our Tents, and lay at our Arms all Night; and in the Evening the Enemy drew up, as if they would attack us; yet only threw several shot at us, two of which wounded, one the Lord *Shannon's* Lieutenant Colonel, and the other Captain *Davenish*.

Sunday the 13th, early in the Morning, our Army began their March from *Victoria* towards *Rota*, our Enemy firing many small Shot amongst us, but to no effect; and tho' they had about 1200 Horse, besides Foot, they durst not fall on us, yet kept us Company all the way, oft seeming as if they would, but the disposition made by His Grace was so good, that it struck a Terror into them. About ten a Clock as we march'd, a Signal was given, by which St. *Catharine's* Fort was blown up, and entirely demolished. In it were 30 Guns, but the Brass ones we had taken away, and spik'd up the others, &c. and about Four *post Merid.* after a resolute march, His Grace with the Army arrived at *Rota*, without the loss of a Man, though many tir'd, and fainted by the way, which were carried off in Boats which attended us. Marching along the *Strand* at *Rota* we found Colonel *Newton*, whom His Grace had left with 300 Men to secure that place for our Retreat. He had very well baracadoed the Avenues, yet was often allarm'd by the Enemy.

The 14th and 15th, Was spent in Shipping off our Forces. &c.

The 16th, Orders were given over Night, That the Boats from the Fleet should Rendezvous at *Rota* by Break of Day, which was the time of Flood, to take on Board the remainder of the Army, and that the youngest Regiment should march first, and that the Rear-Guard, should be composed of the *English* Grenadiers, Commanded by Colonel *Fox*, Lieutenant-Colonel *Pierce*, and Major *Negus*: That the Company of Grenadiers of the Guards, that were posted at the Windmill, should close the Rear, and as they marched, make good the Barriers, and set fire to all the combustible Stuff they should find, on purpose to cover their Retreat, which was done accordingly; and towards Noon, the Army being near Embark'd, Orders were sent to Colonel *Fox*, to form the Rear-Guard and march, which was soon done; but after halting a little while in the Street for Colonel *Pierce*, who was posted just without the Town; they then continued their march, till they came to the Market-place, where they were forc'd to stay about an Hour, till the rest of the Troops were aboard, to make room for the Rear-Guard to make forward.

During this Halt, Colonel *Fox* had notice sent him, that the *Spaniards* were forcing through the Barrier at St. *Lucar's* Port; which Colonel *Rook* (whose desire it was to stay with the Rear Guard) perceiving, he immediately got leave of Baron *Sparr* to head a Party of the *Dutch* that happened not to be march'd, and to be nearest the Port. So soon as they had fired, the

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Enemy gave way, and just as Colonel Rook had got to the Port, he met Colonel Peirce with another Detachment from the Market-place to sustain him; who ordered his Men to clime to the top of the Port, to clear the Street on the other side, which they did effectually, and made good the Barrier again, whilst the *Dutch* march'd down to the Water-side to Embark, and the rest to joyn Colonel Fox in the Rear.

In this Dispute there were only five Soldiers kill'd, and as many wounded (with the Splinters of the Granadoes) on our side, and about six or seven *Spaniards* lay dead on the other side of the Port, but what more of them were kill'd, or wounded, which got into Houses, we can't tell, for we have only since an account, That an Officer of Note (and much lamented amongst them) were kill'd; this was all that happened in the Retreat, and by the good Conduct of Colonel Fox, who had the whole Management of the Disposition made by his Grace. Several Squadrons of Horse appear'd, but to no effect; but there were a Regiment or two of *French* Foot, with some *Spanish* Militia, which fired briskly at us all the time of our Retreat, and after we were in Boats: And after on Board, we sent a Flag of Truce on shoar, with all the Prisoners which we had took, but they refused to receive them, saying, *They might keep to the English, as not being good Subjects to their King of Spain.*

On the 19th we sent them to St. Mary's Port, and they return'd what they had took from us.

The Alcyade of *Rota*, (who first met us on our March in order to Surrender the Place to us) being apprehensive,

apprehensive, that should he continue there, he should be put to Death, for joyning with us, he desired his Grace to take him on Board, and carry him to *England*; which his Grace consented to, and also with him his Kinsman, who was our Guide from *Rota*, in our march to Port St. *Mary's*.

Sunday, September the 13th. 1702. Our Army being decamp'd, and march'd to *Rota*, that Night we began to Embark the Artillery. And

On *Munday* the 14th, continued the same.

Tuesday the 15th. This Day was spent in Shipping off our Forces. And

Wednesday the 16th, We made an end of Embarking, having wholly quitted the Shoar.

Thursday the 17th, A Council of War was called on Board the *Ranelagh*, for all the General Land Officers, and another on Board the *Sovereign*, for the Flag Officers.

Friday the 18th, Our Admiral made a Signal to Weigh, having a fine Land Breeze, but it dulling, he came to an Anchor again. The Prince of *Hesse* departed.

Saturday the 19th, We sent on shoar (with a Flag of Truce) all the *French* and *Spanish* Prisoners, which we had took (and unredeem'd) being 230; and they return'd ours, which were but 22. At seven this Morning we weigh'd Anchor again, but we had but little

Wind, and variable, *Rota* bearing N. by E. and *Cadiz* East.

On the 21st, our Ships Company was reduced to Water.

On the 23d, the Disposition was designed for the *West India* Fleet, which being compleated on the 24th, our Admiral made his Signal for them to depart, there being six Men of War, and twelve Transports, Captain *Walker* in the *Burford*, being Commodore, they having on Board them four Regiments, viz. Major-General *Earle's*, Brigadier *Hamilton's*, the Lord *Donegall's*, and Lord *Charlemont's*, Lieutenant-Colonel *Briscoe* going Commander in Chief.

On the 25th, some of the Transports wanting Water, they went into *Lagos-Bay*, so three Men of War staid to conduct them after us.

Nothing of a Publick Concern occurred, till *October* the 1st, when our Admiral sent the *Flamborough* Frigate before the Fleet, with Letters for *England*, with Advice of our coming.

October the 6th, At Eight this Morning, our Admiral made a Signal for all the Flag-Officers to come on Board him ; also another for all Cruizers to come in ; at Nine we lay by, and our Admiral had advice by one of our Cruizers (Captain *Hardy*) that the *Spanish* Flota, and several *French* Men of War, was at *Vigo* in *Galicia*, on which he made the Signal for Flags, being resolv'd to steer thither and Attack them, so next
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Day he call'd another Council of War of Flag Officers, the *Dutch* not bearing down the Day before.

On the 7th, The *Dunwich* Frigate came into our Fleet from *England*, with Letters, &c.

On the 9th, Our Admiral made a Signal for all Cruizers to come in.

The 10th, Last Night our Admiral sent in the *Kent* to bring intelligence, as he had done the *Dunwich* before, which came off this Morning with advice, That there was in *Rodendella* Harbour the *Spanish* Flota, with a Fleet of *French* Men of War, &c. on which we steered thither. Also this Morning one of Sir *Cloudsly Shovell's* Squadron came into our Fleet, and acquainted us, That Sir *Cloudsly* was off of *Cape Finister*; on which he was sent back for him to come and joyn us; one of our Ships Boats which went in, took a *Spanish* Boat with several Men, amongst whom was a Priest.

October the 11th, In the Afternoon we came to an Anchor against *Vigo*, which fired several Shot at us, but with no effect? Also a Council of War was called on Board the Admiral, for all Flag and General Land-Officers, where'twas agreed, to send in 25 Sail, but first to Land our Infantry, to facilitate the Ships passing the Boom, which was cross their Harbour; also on each side was a Battery to defend it, and their Ships were in a Line within the same at *Rodendella*: So next Day about 10 in the Morning, we Landed in a Sandy Bay about 2 Leag. from *Vigo*, and march'd towards their Battery and Fort on the Starboard side going in to *Rodendella*, which we Attack'd, and met with a vi-
gorous

gorous Opposition, but our Men so boldly pressing forward, made themselves Masters of the Battery and Trenches, and the Enemy to retreat, altho' they had at least 20000 in and near this place, yet durst not engage us, because they saw the Resolution of our Forces. We had no sooner took the Platform, on which were 38 Cannon, but the detach'd Ships, which were drawn up in a Line of Battel, began to sail, Admiral *Hopson*, with undaunted Courage, leading the Van, and forc'd the Boom with his Ship ; at the same time the *Association*, Captain *Bucknam* laid his Broadside against the Battery on the other side the Harbour (in which were 17 Guns) so that for a considerable time, the firing of great and small Shot, on both sides, was so terrible, that I want words to relate it ; besides the dismal aspect of many Ships on Fire, which our Enemy put in Flames and then left them. Some they Sunk, and others we Took ; and our Grenadiers drawing up against a Fort they had of 12 Guns, and saluting them with their Granadoes, they surrender'd, and became Prisoners of War, and in it were above 200 *French* and *Spaniards*, and amongst them several Men of Note, as the Vice-Admiral of the *French* Fleet, with several Captains of their Ships, and the Lieutenant-General of the *Spanish* Flota, but all the private Men were dismiss'd in few Days. Admiral *Hopson's* Ship was clapt on Board by a *French* Fireship, and had been burnt, had not the latter fortunately Blown up, yet the former received much damage by it, and lost in the Action, being kill'd and drown'd, upwards of 100 Men, the other Ships loss being inconsiderable, and our loss on shoar was two Officers kill'd, and four wounded, and about 40 private Men kill'd, and as many wounded; our Enemies loss was not inferiour to

to ours ; and amongst theirs, the Governour of the Fort was kill'd. This Glorious Victory was obtain'd in about 2 Hours time.

Commanders.

French.

Ships Taken.

		Men.	Guns.
Monfieur De Beaujeu	Le Prompt	500	76
De Montbeau	Le Bourbon	410	68
Baffie	Le Firme	450	74
L'Autie	Le Modere	300	54
D'Aligre	L'Assure	380	66
De Cour	Le Triton	250	42

Ships Burnt.

Count Chateau Regnault	Le Fort	500	76
De Friambeau	Le Oriflane	380	64
Champeli	Le Solide	350	56
Grand Pre	Le Prudent	380	64
Duplefis	Le Dauphin	230	44
De Polignac	L'Entreprennant	130	24
Garde Marine	Les Merodes	50	8
Delefcallet	Le Favori, Fireship	14	

Ships Sunk.

Marquis de Gallifonieu	L'Efperance	420	70
De Montgon	La Si'ene	380	62
Marquis de Chateau Regnault	Le Superbe	450	70
De Sorel	La Volontaire	250	46
18 Sail.		5810	998

Commanders

Commanders.

Spanish.

Ships, &c.

Guns.

Don Manuel de Valasco Gen. Jesus Maria Joseph -- -- 70
 Don Josephus Checon Admi. La Buffoon -- -- 54
 Don Fernando Checon -- La Capitana de Assogos -- 54

Three Men of War, 178

Don Visenti Alvarez -- Santo Christo de Mariacaia.
 Don Francisco Blanco -- Santo Christo de buen Viaje.
 Don Allonzo Iparrere -- Santa Cruz.
 Don Cozmo Antonio Montag. Nostredam de Mercy.
 Don Michael Camitee -- Santa Domingo.
 Don Ignatio Asconobritio -- Le Trinidad.
 Don Francisco Baragand -- Nuestra Senora de Mercedes.
 Don Anton. Gomes de Aurefia St. Juan de Baptista.
 Philipppo Quinto.
 Don Juan Dungo -- Falashe del General.
 Don Frebusia Bernar. de vera La Sacra Familia.
 Don Alonzo Lopes -- Santa Cruz.
 Don Martin Moguera -- Santa Susanna.

13 Galleons, with from 20
 to upwards of 30 Guns
 each, and all burnt and
 sunk, except 5 Galleons
 which we took.

So the same Night we marched about three Miles farther, where we lay on our Arms all Night, tho' very wet, &c. and the Ships, and Galleons on Fire, saluted us with several Shot; when burnt down to the lower Tier, and when they blew up, 'twas (tho' dismal) unexpressible fine; the next morning we march'd to *Rodendello*, from whence the Inhabitants were fled, yet great Bodies drew together on the Mountains, but finding us in so good a posture to receive them, they would not attack us; also about this place we took many Prisoners, &c. but 'tis said, two or three was kill'd of ours.

Friday the 16th *Sir Cloudsly Shovel*, with about 20 of her Majesty's Ships joined us from *England*.

Saturday the 17th, His Grace, with the Land Forces under his Command, marched from *Rodendello*, and embark'd.

Sunday the 18th, This Day our Admiral made his Disposition for sailing.

Monday the 19th, This Morning *Sir George Rook*, with Vice-Admiral *Hopson*, with 10 Sail more of her Majesty's Ships, besides Tenders and Transports, &c. weigh'd, with a fine Land Breeze, leaving behind Admiral *Shovel*, and Rear-Admiral *Graydon*, and *Fairborne*, with 27 Sail more of her Majesty's Ships, besides Fire-Ships, Bombs, and 4 Hospital Ships; also the *French* and *Spanish* Prizes, which when fitted, they will all depart for *England*, having first destroyed those Ships, which the Enemy run ashore and sunk, also the Fort which we took on Shore at our Landing; and then bending our Course Homewards, we came into the Downs *Nov. 7.*

This Day about 4 *post Merid.* his Grace landed at *Deal*, and went to *Canterbury* that Night, &c. having first dispatched necessary Orders for the disembarking, and quartering the Forces.

A List of the Land-Officers.

His Grace the Duke of Ormond, General.

Sir Henry Bellasis, Lieutenant General.

Sir Cha. Hara, } Major Generals.
Lord Portmore, }

Coll. Seymour, } Brigadiers.
Coll. Hamilton, }
Coll. Matthews, }

Sir Thomas Smith, Bar. Quarter-master General.

Coll. Joslin, Adjutant General.

Mr. Lacodrea, } Aid de Camps to my Lord Duke.
Coll. Pierce, }
Sir Richard Vernon, }

Lient. Coll. Soames, } Aid de Camps to Sir H. Bel-
Mr. Marshall, } lasis.

Lieutenant Parker, --- to Sir Charles Hara.

Capt. Cadole, --- to the Lord Portmore.

Majors of the Brigade.

Capt. Bisset to Seymour.

Major Whitehead to Hamilton.

Lt. Camperfield to Matthews.

Doctor Morley, Physician General.

Mr. Browne, Chyrurgion General.

Officers	520
Serjeants	316
Corporals	441
Drums and Haut-boys	303
Servants	625
Effective Men	7458

English	9663
Mr.	

Mr. Thurston, Judge-Advocate.
Mr. Harwar, Chaplain to the General.
Mr. Vickers, Paymaster to the Army.
— Portlock, Esq; Secretary to the General.
Mr. Wright, Commissary of the Provisions.
Coll. Browne, Chief Bombarder and Engineer.
Mr. Albert Buryard, Major of the Train.
Mr. Pomie, Waggon-master.
Mr. Robinson, Provost Marshal, Gentleman of Her
Majesties Second Troop of Guards, Volunteers :

<i>Mr. Tho. Laffels,</i>	<i>Mr. Cha. Hodsell,</i>
<i>Mr. Armstrong,</i>	<i>Mr. Cull,</i>
<i>Mr. Rigmaiden,</i>	<i>Mr. Geldart,</i>
<i>Mr. James Lloyd,</i>	<i>Mr. Jemmet,</i>
<i>Mr. Mulloy,</i>	<i>Mr. Fra. Buttler,</i>
<i>Mr. Follyot,</i>	<i>Mr. Fenwick,</i>
<i>Mr. Harcourt,</i>	<i>Mr. Peers,</i>
<i>Mr. Fra. Billingsly,</i>	<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick.</i>

16, besides many others.

A particular Account of the Land-Forces.

<i>A Detachment of Collonel Loyd's Dragoons,</i>	185
<i>Ditto of the Guards,</i>	600
<i>Collonel Bellafis's Regiment,</i>	658
<i>Churchil's</i>	658
<i>Seymour's</i>	658
<i>Collabine's</i>	550
<i>Fusiliers, with five Companies of Collonel</i>	} 633
<i>Villar's added,</i>	
<i>Collonel Earl's,</i>	550
<i>Gust. Hamilton's,</i>	550
<i>Lord Donegall's,</i>	550
<i>Lord Charlemont's,</i>	550
	Lord

Collonel Fox's	658
Lord Shannon's,	658
Effective Men	7458
Add Corporals,	441
Rank and File,	7899
Officers, &c. as before,	1764
English,	9663
Rank and File Dutch, besides Officers, &c.	3924

An Account of the Fleet.

Sir George Rook, *Vice-Admiral of England, &c, chief Admiral, in the Royal Sovereign, with the Union Flag at her Main-topmast Head.*

Vice-Admiral Hopson, in the Prince George, with a Red Flag at her Fore-topmast Head.

Rear-Admiral Fairborne, in the St. George, with the White Flag at her Mizzen-topmast Head.

Rear-Admiral Graydon, in the Triumph, with a Blew Flag at her Mizzen-topmast Head.

Also we had 5 Dutch Flags, (viz.) 2 Admirals, 2 Vice-Admirals, and 1 Rear-Admiral.

Line of Battel Outward bound.

Affociation,
Monmouth,
Essex,
Cambridge,
Prince George,

Barfleur,
Sterling Castle,
Burford,
St. George,
Expedition,

Orford,

Orford,
Yarmouth,
Grafton,
Cumberland,
Lenox,
Berwick,
Triumph,
Torbay,
Pembroke,
Northumberland,

Chichester,
Swiftsure,
Kent,
Boyne,
Bedford,
Royal Sovereign,
Ranelagh,
Plymouth,
Eagle,
Somerset,
In all, English,
and Dutch,

30

20

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50

*Besides Fireships, and Cruizers, Bomb-Ships, Hospitallers,
Yachts, Transports, Victuallers, and Tenders, &c.*

*Line of Battel before V I G O, October
the 12th, 1702.*

Mary,	} Vice Admiral Hopson.	Phoenix,	} Fire Ships.
Grafton,		Vultur,	
Torbay,			
Kent,			
Monmouth,			
Dordrecht,	} Vice Admiral Vandergoos.	} One Fire Ship.	
Seven Provinces,			
Veluwe,			
Berwick,	} Rear Admi- ral Fairborne	Terrible,	} Fire Ships.
Essex,		Griffin,	
Swiftsure,			

Ranelagh,

Ranelagh,	{	<i>Adm. Rooke.</i>	Hawk,	{	Fire Ships.
Somerfet,			Hunter,		
Bedford,					
Muyda,	{	<i>Admiral Callemberg,</i>	<i>Baron Waffanaer.</i>	{	One Fire Ship
Holland,					
Vine,					
Reygersberg,					
Cambridge,	{	<i>Rear Admiral</i>	<i>Graydon.</i>	{	Lightning Fire Ship.
Northumberland,					
Oxford,					
Pembroke.					
Gonda,	{	<i>Vice Admiral</i>	{	One Fire Ship.	
Alkmaer,					<i>Pieterfon.</i>
Catwick,					

In all 25.

The small Frigots and Bomb Vessels to be ready to sail up the River, so soon as the Signal is made for so doing.

*Affociation, } Ordered to batter the Forts on each
Barfleur, } side the River.*

Damage sustain'd.

Torbay had her Fore-topmast shot by the Board, and most of her Sails burnt and scorch'd; the Fore-yard burnt to a Cole; the Larboard, Shrouds fore and aft, burnt at the dead Eyes; and several Ports blew off the Hinges; and her Larboard Side scorch'd, and had 115 Men kill'd and drowned, and 9 wounded; so *Admiral Hopson* went, and hoisted his Flag on board the *Monmouth*.

Affociation had her Main-mast shot, and two Men kill'd.

Kent had her Fore-mast shot, and Boatswain wounded.

Barfleur

Barfleur had her Main-mast shot, two Men kill'd and two wounded.

Mary had her Boultspriet shot.

Disposition for our Landing.

The *English* and *Dutch* Granadeers to be first Landed, commanded by the Lord *Shannon*, Lieutenant Coll. *Peirce*, and a *Dutch* Major.

First Brigade, Battalion of Guards.

Churchill,
Collumbine, } Duke of Ormond, Brigadier Hamilton.
Fox,

Second Brigade.

Bellasis,
Seymour, } Lord Portmore, Brigadier Lloyd.
Fuzileers,
Shannon,

The Dutch commanded by Baron *Sparr*, Brigadier *Pallandt*.

Lost on Shoar :

Our Loss was two Officers kill'd, and four wounded; and about 40 private Men kill'd, and as many wounded.

Line of Battel, Homeward,

The Somerset to lead with her Starboard, and the Association with her Larboard Tacks on board.

Frigats		Men of War	Guns	Division
Dunwich,				
Lowestaffe				
Hawk Fireship,		Somerset	80	Admiral
Fubbs Yatch		St George	96	
Morter, } Bombs		Royal Sovereign	110	
Basilisk, }		Ranelagh	80	
Antelope } Hosp.		Warwick	50	Vice Admiral of the Red.
Princess Ann }				
Isabella Yacht				
Sorlings		Triumph	90	
Jeffery, } Hof.		Prince George	90	Vice Admiral of the Red.
Smyrna Factor, }				
Hunter Fireship,		Barfleur	90	
Terror, } Bombs		Association	90	
Granado, }				

Left at Rodendello.

Admiral Shovel, with Rear Admiral Graydon, and Fairborne, also 27 Sail more of her Majesty's Ships, besides Fireships, and Bombs, &c. with the French and Spanish Prizes.

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